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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN GOODWILL DELEGATION

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1. FOUR-MAN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION (DAR 4168) LEFT TANZANIA DECEMBER 29, APPARENTLY FOR HOME, AFTER NINE-DAY VISIT IN WHICH THEY HALD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALACELA, AS WELL AS VISITING ZANZIBAR FOR MEETING WITH FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE. DELEGATION COMPRISED THREE MILITARY AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FOREIGN MINISTRY. NAMES GIVEN IN PRESS AS ASRAT DESTA (LEADER OF DELEGATION), SALESHI BEYENE, BEGASHAW GURMASSA, AND ALEMAYEHU ABABE. MUCH OF NINE-DAY VISIT SPENT TOURING UJAMAA VILLAGES AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

2. OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY (MUGANDA) TOLD EMBOFF DELEGATION HAD COME TO STUDY TANZANIAN BRAND OF SOCIALISM AS BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIALISM WHICH NEW ETHIOPIAN REGIME HOPES
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TO INSTALL AT HOME. ACCORDING MUGANDA, TANGOV TOLD DELEGATION

THAT WHILE THEY WELCOME LEARN FROM TANZANIAN EXPERIENCE, THE TANZANIAN VARIETY OF SOCIALISM, LIKE OTHER VARIETIES, WAS ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF A SPECIFIC COUNTRY AND COULD NOT BE EXPORTED. ETHIOPIA HAD A HISTROY, GEOGRAPHY, AND TRIBAL STRUCTURE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM TANZANIA; IN PARTICULAR, ITS FEUDAL INSTITUTIONS GAVE IT A CLASS PROBLEM WHICH DID NOT EXIST IN TANZANIA. THEREFORE, TANZANIANS TOLD THEIR GUESTS, ETHIOPIA SHOULD SEEK A GENUINELY ETHIOPIAN SYSTEM WHICH WOULD REFLECT ITS OWN SPECIAL SITUATION.

3. TANGOV HAD BEEN UPSET BY ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS, MUGANDA SAID, NOTING THAT TANZANIA HAD SPEARHEADED EFFORTS IN UN TO INSURE SAFETY OF EX-EMPEROR. HE SAID PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD ALSO SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO NEW ETHIOPIAN REGIME ASKING THAT SELASSIE'S LIFE BE SPARED. TANZANIA HAD HOPED SELASSIE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEEK EXILE ABROAD, BUT IT SEEMED THAT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED AGAINST THIS AND WOULD NOW FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CHANGE ITS MIND; BEST THAT COULD BE HOPED, PERHAPS, WAS THAT SELASSIE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE PEACEFULLY INSIDE ETHIOPIA.

4. COMMENT: IN STRESSING TO ETHIOPIANS THAT THEY COULD NOT HOPE TO IMPORT TANZANIAN SOCIALISM, TANGOV MAY HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT THE NEW AND INEXPERIENCED REGIME NOT TRY TO IMPORT A SYSTEM FROM FARTHER AFIELD, SUCH AS CHINA OR CUBA. CARTER

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